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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 22, 2005, for the above-identified application. A response to which is due on March 22, 2005.

No additional fee is believed to be due. However, if any fees are due the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account No. 11-0600 for such fees. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the communication from the Office mailed February 22, 2005, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Group VII (ie. claims 33-35) for examination in the present application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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